

REMARKS

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified patent application the applicant submits herewith amendments to the specification that include changes to reference numerals such that all reference numerals refer to only one element.

Additionally, the applicant has included proposed drawing changes corresponding to the changes in reference numeral designations in the specification. Particularly, the applicant proposes in Fig. 4 that references numerals 12, 20, 48, 14 and 16 be changed to 120, 200, 480, 140 and 160, respectively; also, in Fig. 5, that reference numeral 14 be changed to 140; in Fig. 6, that reference numeral 19 be changed to 190; in Fig. 7A, that reference numeral 16 be changed to 160; in Figs. 8A, 8B and 8C, that reference numerals 20 and 22 be changed to 200 and 220, respectively; in Fig. 8C, that reference numeral 24 be changed to 25; and in Fig. 9, that reference numerals 12, 20, and 10 be changed to 120, 200 and 100, respectively. Also in Fig. 9, the applicant proposes that reference numeral 18 be changed to 220. Additionally, the applicant proposes removal of the word "VEHICLE" in Fig. 9. Also, in Fig. 22, the applicant proposes that reference numerals 100, 102, 104, and 106 be changed to 1000, 1020, 1040, and 1060, respectively.

No new matter has been added. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests that the proposed drawing changes be accepted by the Examiner.

Additionally, on page 15, at line 18, the applicant proposes the addition of the words "maneuvering interceptor 18 to intercept incoming threat 120, Fig. 4, step 1040, Fig. 22". This addition is consistent with step 104 (now 1040) in the original drawings, and thus no new matter has been added.

If for any reason this Preliminary Amendment is found to be incomplete, or if at


AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS/FIGURES

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 4, 5, 6, 7A, 8A, 8B, 8C, 9, and 22. Replacement Sheets 3/15, 4/15, 5/15, 6/15, 7/15, 8/15, and 15/15 which include Figs. 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 8C, 9, and 22, replace original sheets 3/15, 4/15, 5/15, 6/15, 7/15, 8/15, and 15/15. Annotated sheets showing the changes are also attached.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets 3/15, 4/15, 5/15, 6/15, 7/15, 8/15, and 15/15 and Annotated Sheets 3/15, 4/15, 5/15, 6/15, 7/15, 8/15, and 15/15 showing changes.

any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,

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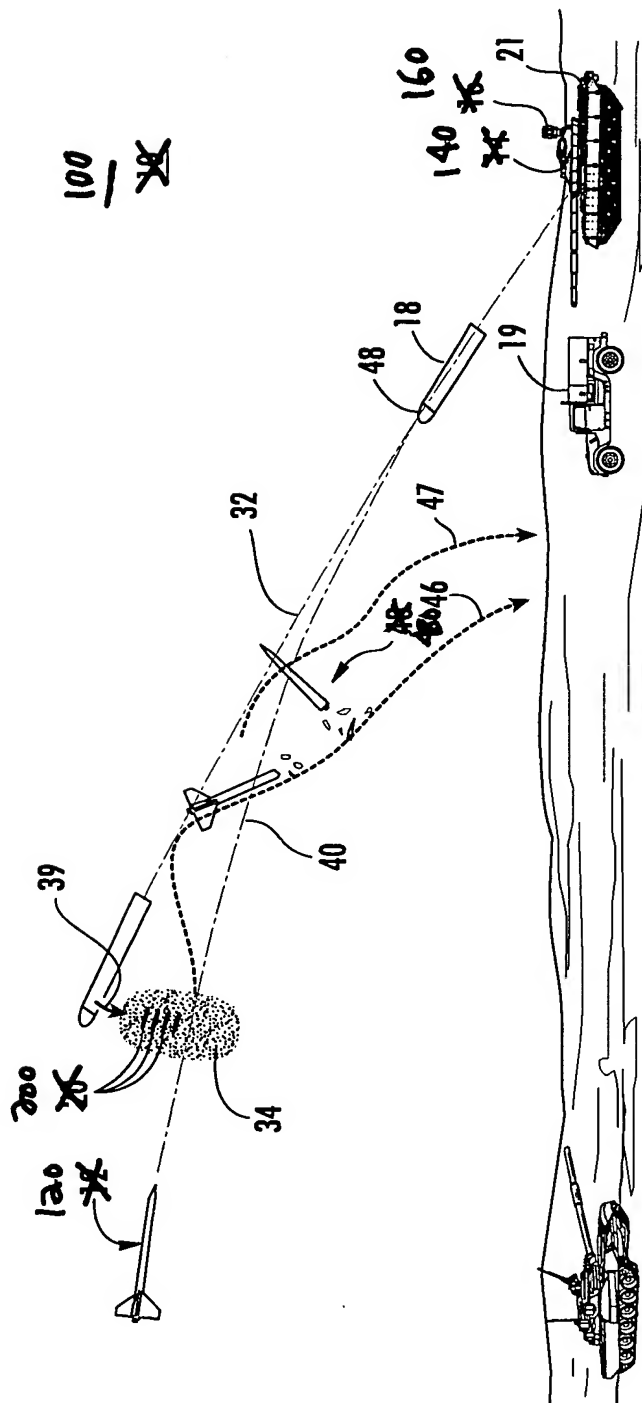


FIG. 4

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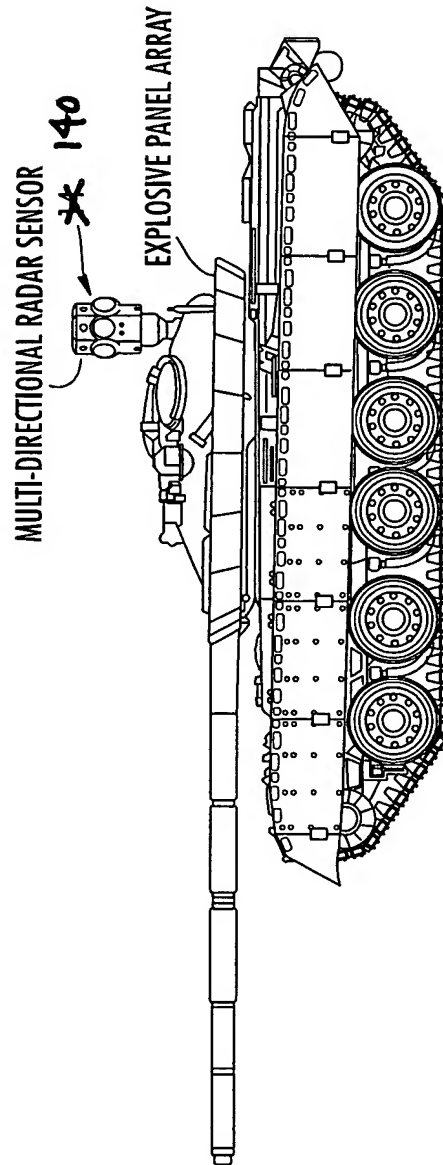
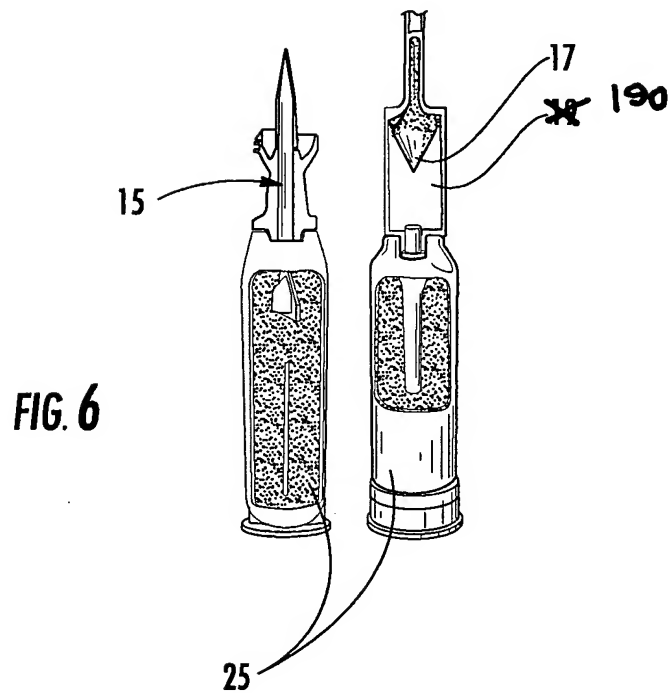
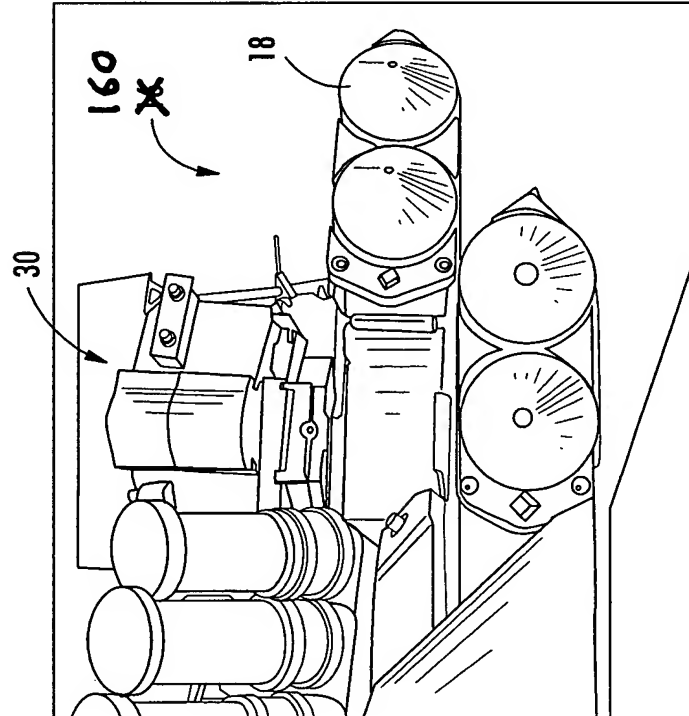
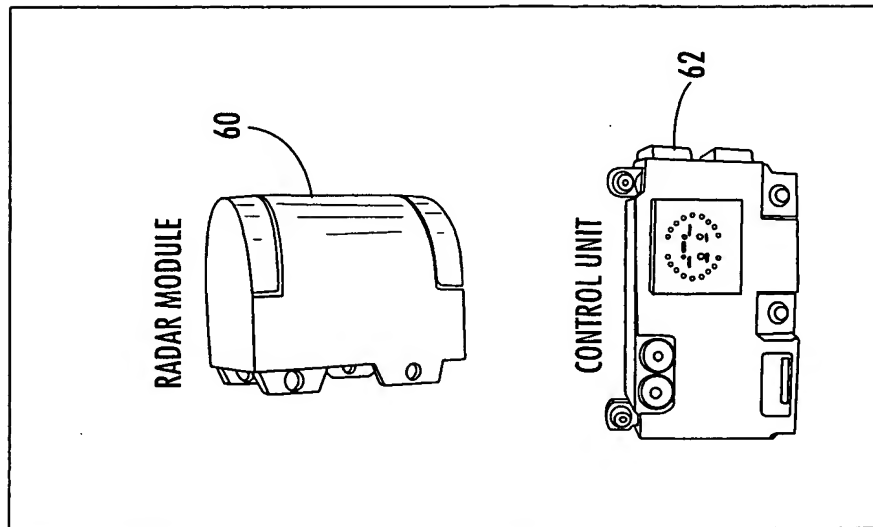


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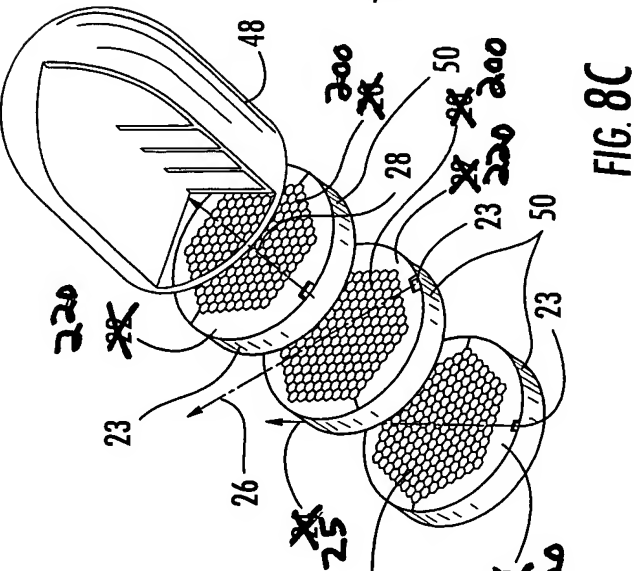


FIG. 8B

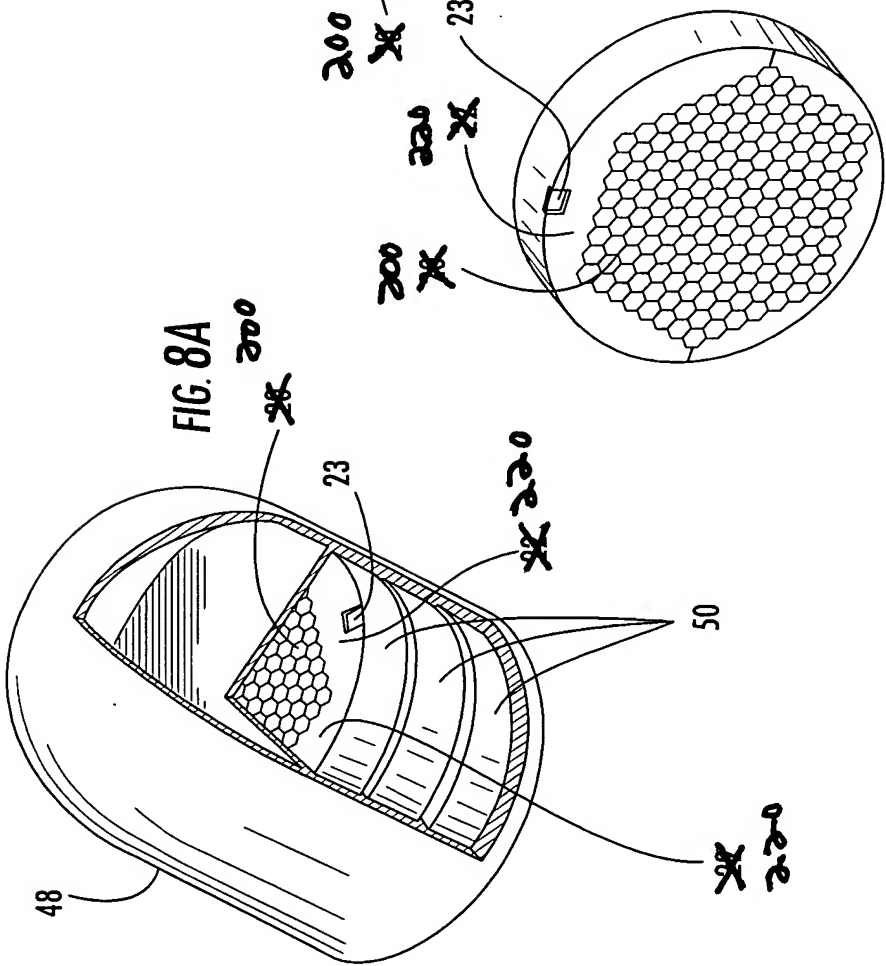
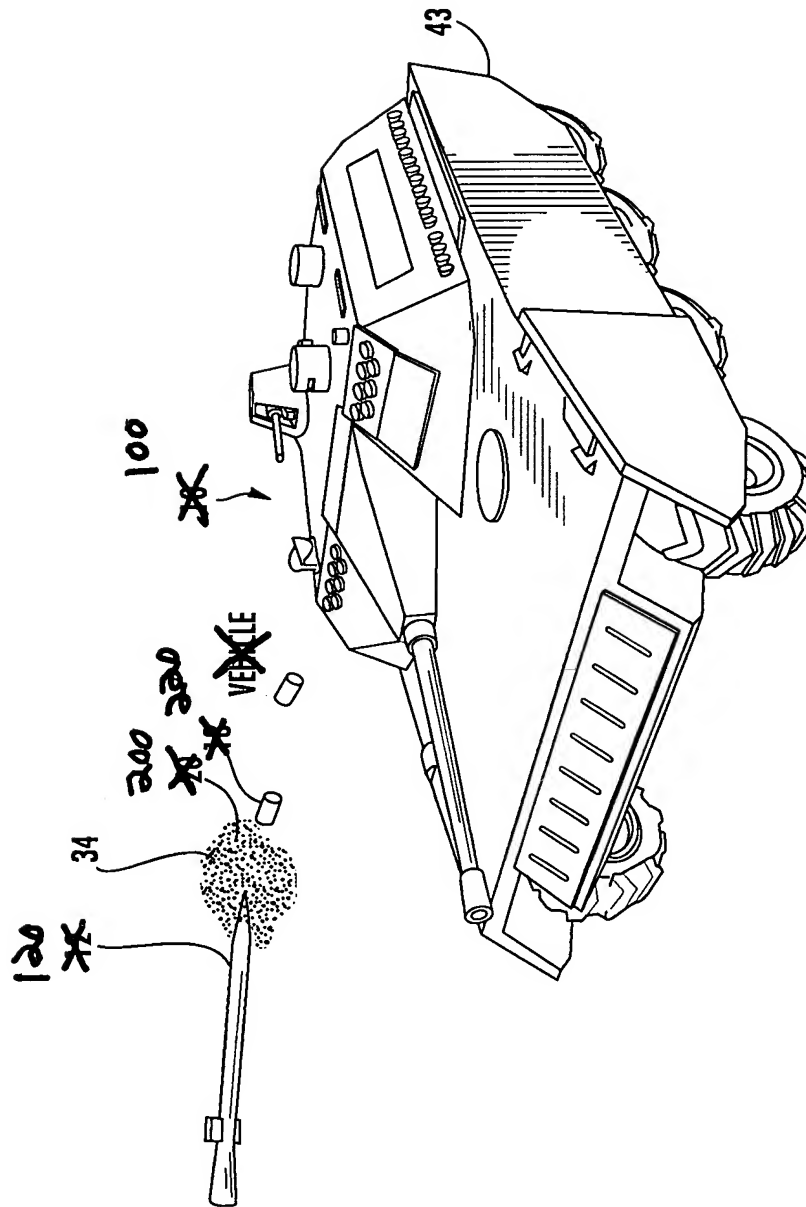


FIG. 8A

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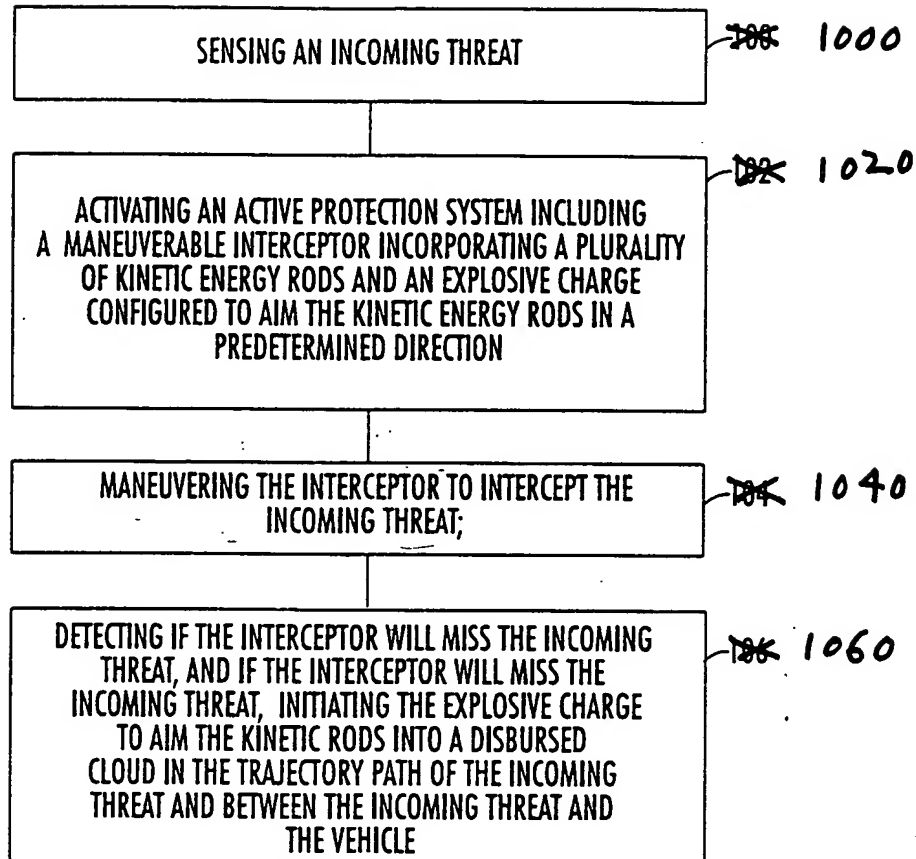


FIG. 22